




A Comparison of Three Different Deep Learning-Based Models to Predict the MGMT Promoter Methylation Status in Glioblastoma Using Brain MRI

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Abstract

Glioblastoma (GBM) is the most common primary malignant brain tumor in adults. The standard treatment for GBM consists of surgical resection followed by concurrent chemoradiotherapy and adjuvant temozolomide. O-6-methylguanine-DNA methyltransferase (MGMT) promoter methylation status is an important prognostic biomarker that predicts the response to temozolomide and guides treatment decisions. At present, the only reliable way to determine MGMT promoter methylation status is through the analysis of tumor tissues. Considering the complications of the tissue-based methods, an imaging-based approach is preferred. This study aimed to compare three different deep learning-based approaches for predicting MGMT promoter methylation status. We obtained 576 T2WI with their corresponding tumor masks, and MGMT promoter methylation status from, The Brain Tumor Segmentation (BraTS) 2021 datasets. We developed three different models: voxel-wise, slice-wise, and whole-brain. For voxel-wise classification, methylated and unmethylated MGMT tumor masks were made into 1 and 2 with 0 background, respectively. We converted each T2WI into $32 \times 32 \times 32$ patches. We trained a 3D-Vnet model for tumor segmentation. After inference, we constructed the whole brain volume based on the patch's coordinates. The final prediction of MGMT methylation status was made by majority voting between the predicted voxel values of the biggest connected component. For slice-wise classification, we trained an object detection model for tumor detection and MGMT methylation status prediction, then for final prediction, we used majority voting. For the whole-brain approach, we trained a 3D Densenet121 for prediction. Whole-brain, slice-wise, and voxel-wise, accuracy was 65.42% (SD 3.97%), 61.37% (SD 1.48%), and 56.84% (SD 4.38%), respectively.

Keywords Deep learning · Classification · MGMT · BraTS · Brain tumor

Abbreviations

BraTS	Brain Tumor Segmentation
CCR	Concurrent chemoradiation therapy
TMZ	Temozolomide
GBM	Glioblastoma
MGMT	O-6-methylguanine-DNA methyltransferase
AUCROC	Area under the receiver operating characteristic curve
TCIA	The Cancer Imaging Archive
TCGA	The Cancer Genome Atlas

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Introduction

Glioblastoma (GBM) is the most common primary malignant brain tumor in adults. In the USA, the median age of diagnosis is 64 years old, and its incidence is rising in the elderly population [1, 2]. The disease is associated with high mortality, morbidity, and disability levels with patients having a median survival of 16 months [3, 4]. The most effective treatment for GBM consists of surgery (aiming for the maximum possible tumor resection) followed by concurrent chemoradiation therapy (CCRT) [5, 6]. In this treatment protocol, temozolomide (TMZ) is administered concurrently with radiotherapy, followed by a number of adjuvant TMZ therapy cycles. This is an effective regimen and has shown an increase in 24-month survival from 10.4 to 26.5% [6].

TMZ is an alkylating agent which causes DNA damage eventually resulting in cell cycle arrest and cell death [7]. However, the O-6-alkylguanine DNA alkyltransferase

encoded by the O-6-methylguanine-DNA methyltransferase (MGMT) gene can reverse the DNA damage [8]. Therefore, the MGMT gene expression level can regulate the TMZ therapeutic efficacy on GBM. A hypermethylated MGMT gene promoter region suppresses its expression and results in a lack of MGMT-mediated DNA repair. Hence, cells with methylated MGMT gene promoters are more sensitive to TMZ, leading to the higher effectiveness of this treatment. On the other hand, in malignant cells, the high levels of MGMT activity (low methylation level) blunts the therapeutic effect of alkylating agents, resulting in a resistant phenotype and a significant determinant of treatment failure [9]. For this reason, determining the MGMT promoter methylation status in patients with GBM is a fundamental step to predict patients' response to therapy.

The current reference standard for assessing the methylation status of MGMT is the epigenetic analysis based on samples obtained from fine-needle aspirations or resected tissue [10]. This conventional invasive tissue-demanding method has major limitations, including the need for large-size tissue samples and the possibility of incomplete biopsy samples due to the spatial heterogeneity of tumors, although this is still debated [11–13]. Several studies have demonstrated that genetic changes can manifest themselves as macroscopic changes that can be detectable by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) [14, 15]. Different imaging features have been employed to predict MGMT promoter methylation; however, experts have not reached a consensus on the use of features such as tumor texture, size, and location for this classification task [16, 17]. The use of imaging to predict MGMT promoter methylation status can potentially decrease the need for tissue biopsy before resective surgery. It can also result in a less aggressive surgical approach to patients with poor prognosis or tumors near the eloquent cortex. Finally, there are occasional cases where MGMT results cannot be obtained (e.g., inadequate tissue), and having the image-based prediction can help in clinical decision-making.

Numerous research groups evaluated the use of MRI features and machine learning algorithms to predict the status of several gliomas' molecular markers [14, 18], including the MGMT promoter methylation [15, 19–28]. Most of these studies used data derived either from single centers or publicly available, multi-institutional data provided by The Cancer Imaging Archive (TCIA) and The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) [29, 30]. As proof of the growing interest in trying to predict the MGMT promoter methylation status using MRI, the organizers of the 2021 Brain Tumor Segmentation (BraTS) challenge [31–33] defined it as one of the aims of the competition and released a publicly available dataset of 585 brain MRIs acquired from subjects with GBM including the information regarding the MGMT promoter methylation status [34].

Among the radiogenomics studies focusing on MGMT, only a few studies used the deep learning approach [20, 21, 23, 24].

In this study, we have compared three different deep learning approaches to predict the MGMT promoter methylation status of GBMs from the 2021 BraTS dataset.

Method

Dataset

The BraTS 2021 dataset is a collection of conventional brain MRI sequences of subjects with brain tumors collected at multiple institutions with different acquisition protocols, including (a) native (T1) and (b) post-contrast T1-weighted (T1Gd (gadolinium)), (c) T2-weighted (T2), and (d) T2 fluid attenuated inversion recovery (T2-FLAIR) volumes. The challenge was organized in two tasks: task 1, which focused on brain tumor segmentation, and task 2, focused on the radiogenomic classification of the MGMT promoter methylation. Task 1 dataset contains MRI already skull stripped, co-registered to the same anatomical template, interpolated to the same resolution (1 mm × 1 mm × 1 mm), and with the same size (240, 240, 155). Additionally, the data also include brain tumor segmentation consisting of four masks with different voxel values: 0 for the background, 1 for the necrotic tumor core, 2 for the peritumoral edema/invaded tissue, and 4 for the contrast-enhancing area. Task 2 dataset includes skull stripped, non-co-registered MRIs, and the information on the MGMT promoter methylation status stored as a binary variable. Since we utilized the segmentation masks for voxel-based classification, we used the MRI volumes of task 1 with their corresponding MGMT promoter methylation status from task 2 for the subjects who were present in both cohorts.

We opted to use only T2 images, given that they are routinely acquired, have fairly consistent technique over time and across institutions, and do not rely on the injection of a contrast agent. Another reason is that by using only T2 images, we can compare our results with other studies with acceptable outcomes on other datasets [21, 22].

Dataset Splitting

We split the dataset at the subject level into 5 folds stratified by MGMT status using the Scikit-learn library [35]. We used the same split for all the experiments.

Data Preprocessing and Model Development

We implemented three different approaches, including whole-brain, slice-wise, and voxel-wise approaches, to

represent classification, object detection, and segmentation techniques, respectively. For each approach, we discuss the data preprocessing pipeline and model development.

Whole-Brain Approach

In the whole-brain approach, we utilized the whole brain MRI volume as the input to the model.

Data Preprocessing

We standardized T2 intensities to have zero mean and unit standard deviation. To mitigate the mildly imbalanced training dataset, we oversampled the underrepresented class in a 1.1:1 MGMT methylated:MGMT unmethylated ratio [36]. We performed data augmentation using vertical and horizontal flip, rotation, translation, scaling, and Gaussian noise to decrease the risk of overfitting.

Model Development

We initially evaluated several different 3D neural net architectures, including 3D-EfficientNet b0, 3D-EfficientNet b1, 3D-EfficientNet b2, 3D-DenseNet 121, and 3D-DenseNet 169 from the MONAI models package [37]. We found that a 3D-DenseNet121 model performed best during preliminary testing (results not included) and subsequently used only this architecture. We optimized the model hyperparameters using grid search (Table 1). We trained the model for 50 epochs and selected the model weights with the highest accuracy on the validation of each fold. For each fold, we trained three models with different random weight initializations and used majority voting as the model ensemble strategy for final predictions [38].

Table 1 Optimized object detection model hyperparameters

Hyperparameter	Value
Batch size	16
Optimizer	Adam
Learning rate	0.0001
First momentum	0.9
Second momentum	0.999
Random image rotation (x, y, z, probability)	(15, 15, 12, 0.5)
Random image translation (x, y, z, probability)	(15, 15, 5, 0.5)
Random image scaling (x, y, z, probability)	(0.05, 0.05, 0.05, 0.5)
Random Gaussian noise (mean, standard deviation, probability)	(0, 0.5, 0.2)
Random vertical flip (probability)	0.5
Random horizontal flip (probability)	0.5

For each model in each fold, we reported accuracy, the area under the receiver operating curve (AUCROC), sensitivity, and specificity. Mean value and standard deviation of accuracy, AUCROC, sensitivity, and specificity across the folds are reported.

Slice-Wise Approach

In the slice-wise approach, we used each brain MRI slice as individual input to the model and then obtained a subject-level prediction based on majority voting of the slice predictions for that subject.

Data Preprocessing

We defined a bounding box around the tumor area for each MRI slice using the segmentation masks as reference: we chose the minimum X and Y coordinates of each segmented area as the X and Y coordinates of the top-left point of the bounding box and the maximum X and Y coordinates as the bottom-right point. We then labeled each bounding box as either methylated or unmethylated based on the subject's MGMT promoter methylation status. Finally, we converted each slice to 512×512 pixels portable graphics format (PNG) (Fig. 1a).

Model Development

We initially evaluated different object detection models including YOLOv5s, YOLOv5m, YOLOv5l, and YOLOv5x [39]. We found that a YOLOv5x model performed best during preliminary testing and subsequently used only this architecture. YOLOv5x is pre-trained on the COCO dataset, and the weights were transferred. We trained the model for 50 epochs and selected the model weights with the highest mean average precision (mAP) for each fold on the validation set. Mean average precision is a common performance metric for object detection with 0.5 as the threshold for the intersection over union (mAP0.5). For inference on the test set, we used test time augmentation, an intersection over a union threshold of 0.3, and a confidence level of 0.3, which was determined through optimization during preliminary testing. During inference, the model labels each MRI slice based on the class with the highest confidence. We then obtain subject-level predictions through majority voting of slice labels (Fig. 1b). For each fold, we reported accuracy, AUCROC, sensitivity, and specificity. We also reported the mean value and standard deviation of accuracy, AUCROC, sensitivity, and specificity across the folds [40].

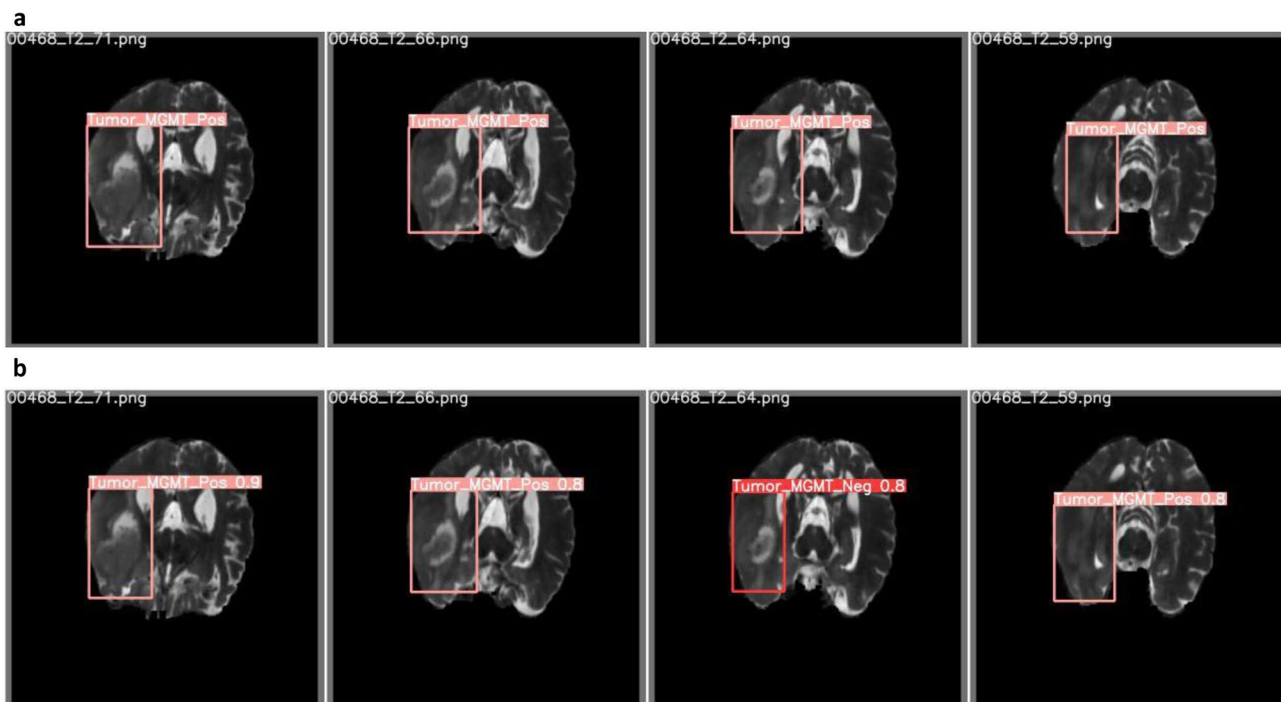


Fig. 1 T2-weighted brain MRI with bounding boxes and corresponding label. **a** Ground truth bounding boxes and labels. **b** Predicted bounding boxes and labels. MGMT, O-6-methylguanine-DNA methyltransferase

Voxel-Wise Approach

In the voxel-wise approach, we developed our model based on a previously published method [21] in which each tumor voxel is classified as being MGMT methylated or not methylated using as initial inputs patches derived from the whole T2-weighted MRI volume (“T2”).

Data Preprocessing

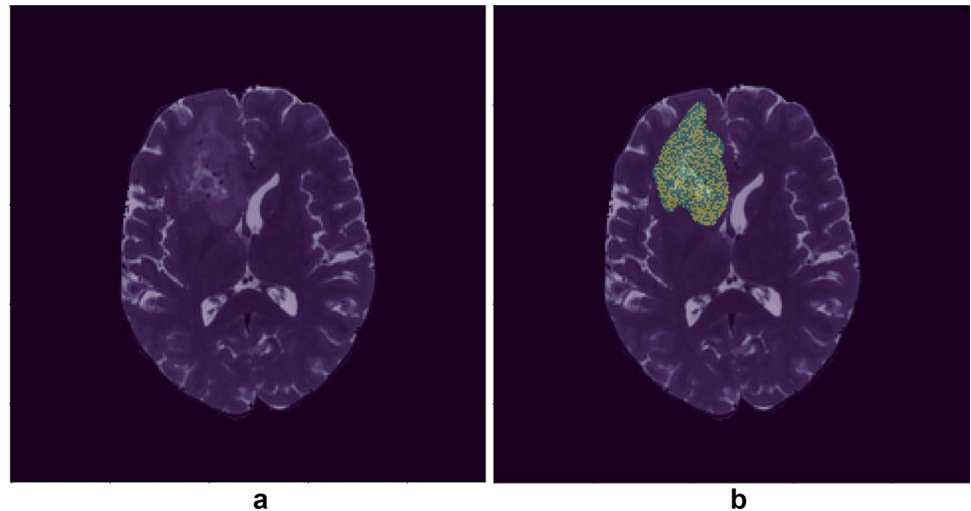
T2 images were normalized to have zero mean and unit standard deviation. For each subject, we combined the segmentation masks of different tumoral regions (necrotic core, enhancing area, and edema) in a single mask containing the whole lesion. We then assigned each mask a single value based on the MGMT promoter methylation status: one for methylated and two for not methylated tumors [21]. Finally, we divided the T2s and the corresponding masks into patches of size $32 \times 32 \times 32$, with 8 voxels overlapping in each dimension. During training, we only included patches with at least one tumor voxel. However, for inference, all patches, regardless of tumor presence, were fed to the model. We performed data augmentation using flipping, random rotation ($\pm 15^\circ$), and zooming (± 0.1) as implemented in the MONAI package [41].

Model Development

A 3D-Vnet was used to segment image patches into corresponding label classes [42]. The encoder had depth of five with 16, 32, 64, 128, and 256 features and two residual units in each level [41]. The network was designed to get a $32 \times 32 \times 32$ patch as input and output a $32 \times 32 \times 32$ volume with three channels: one for background, one for tumor areas showing MGMT promoter methylation, and one for tumor areas showing unmethylated MGMT promoter methylation. We used softmax as the final layer’s activation function. We trained this model with random weight initialization, using Dice-loss for the cost function and a learning rate of 0.00001 for 100 epochs. We used Adam as the network’s optimizer [43]. We used early stopping to terminate training when the validation loss did not improve for more than 10 epochs.

In order to evaluate the final model’s performance, we applied the model to all patches of the validation sets and then combined all the patches of a given subject to get the mask for the whole volume. We applied a threshold of 0.5 on the model’s output to binarize our masks. Finally, the largest connected component was extracted, and the label that made the majority of the component was selected as the label for the whole image (Fig. 2). For each fold, we reported accuracy, AUCROC, sensitivity, and specificity. We also reported the mean value and standard deviation of accuracy, AUCROC, sensitivity, and specificity across the folds [40].

Fig. 2 T2-weighted brain MRI with and without tumor's mask. **a** Brain MRI without tumor mask. **b** Brain MRI with tumor mask, each mask's voxel belongs to MGMT methylated or MGMT nonmethylated class. MGMT, O-6-methylguanine-DNA methyltransferase



Results

We identified a total of 576 subjects as the intersection of task 1 and task 2 BraTS datasets: 275 (47.8%) with unmethylated and 301 (52.2%) with methylated MGMT promoter. Since the BraTS dataset consists of deidentified MRIs, the demographic description is not available. After splitting the dataset in 5 folds, folds one to four had 115 subjects, and fold five 116. This resulted in 35,838 unique bounding boxes around the segmentation masks for the slice-wise approach and 1,690,983 3D patches for the voxel-wise approach.

Results of Different Deep Learning Approaches

Whole-Brain Approach

We used majority voting to determine the model performance for the ensemble of results. Using the ensemble method, the mean accuracy among 5 folds was 65.42% (SD 3.97%), the

mean AUCROC was 0.6508 (SD 0.03), the mean sensitivity was 71.27% (SD 13%), and the mean specificity was 58.91% (SD 10.06%). Table 2 shows the accuracy, AUCROC, sensitivity, and specificity of each model and each fold.

Slice-Wise Approach

The slice-wise approach achieved 56.84% (SD 4.38%) mean accuracy for all 5 folds, 0.5683 (SD 4.39%) mean AUCROC, 0.5613 (SD 0.07) mean sensitivity, 55.48% (SD 3.95%) mean specificity, and 0.4822 (SD 3.41) mAP. Table 3 summarizes the results for each fold.

Figure 3 shows the correlation between the YOLO inference threshold and the patient-level accuracy of the model prediction and the total number of patients with the assigned label. On the one hand, by increasing the threshold, fewer labels will be assigned to each patient and, eventually, none for some patients. However, higher confidence will deliver higher accuracy.

Table 2 Results of fivefold cross-validation for the whole-brain approach in discriminating tumors with methylated and unmethylated MGMT promoter. For each fold, we trained three models with different weights initialization and then ensemble. MGMT, O-6-methylguanine-DNA methyltransferase; AUCROC, area under receiver operative characteristic curve

	Model	Fold 1	Fold 2	Fold 3	Fold 4	Fold 5
Accuracy	1	63.79%	61.20%	61.40%	61.40%	62.93%
	2	61.20%	65.51%	62.28%	55.26%	58.62%
	3	63.79%	65.51%	59.64%	60.52%	66.37%
AUCROC	1	0.6360	0.5980	0.6147	0.6052	0.6135
	2	0.6132	0.6569	0.6244	0.5517	0.5877
	3	0.6387	0.6461	0.6052	0.6013	0.6597
Sensitivity	1	67.21%	86.89%	59.32%	35.59%	91.80%
	2	59.02%	62.30%	57.63%	57.63%	55.74%
	3	62.30%	81.97%	35.59%	71.19%	73.77%
Specificity	1	60.00%	32.73%	63.64%	85.45%	30.91%
	2	63.64%	69.09%	67.27%	52.73%	61.82%
	3	65.45%	47.27%	85.45%	49.09%	58.18%

Table 3 Slice-wise approach discrimination among two classes (methylated MGMT promoter vs. unmethylated MGMT promoter) for each fold. *MGMT*, O-6-methylguanine-DNA methyltransferase; *AUCROC*, area under receiver operative characteristic curve

	Fold 1	Fold 2	Fold 3	Fold 4	Fold 5
Accuracy	62.06%	53.91%	57.89%	50.00%	60.34%
AUCROC	0.6236	0.5426	0.5764	0.5023	0.5971
Sensitivity	57.23%	54.42%	58.91%	49.89%	60.23%
Specificity	52.34%	51.38%	59.43%	53.21%	61.04%
mAP 0.5	50.46%	46.58%	51.76%	42.31%	49.99%

Voxel-Wise Approach

For the voxel-wise approach, the mean accuracy of all 5 folds was 61.37% (SD 1.48%), mean AUCROC was 0.6160 (SD 0.01), mean sensitivity was 65.46% (SD 9.85%), and mean specificity was 51.57% (SD 10.79%). Table 4 summarizes the performance metrics of each fold.

Discussion

In this study, we aimed to compare three different deep learning approaches to predict the MGMT promoter methylation status in glioblastomas using T2 brain MRIs obtained from the 2021 RSNA-ASNR-MICCAI BraTS challenge dataset [31, 32, 44]. Overall, our results show

Table 4 Voxel-wise approach discrimination among two classes (methylated MGMT promoter vs. unmethylated MGMT promoter) for each fold. *MGMT*, O-6-methylguanine-DNA methyltransferase; *AUCROC*, area under receiver operative characteristic curve

	Fold 1	Fold 2	Fold 3	Fold 4	Fold 5
Accuracy	62.02%	63.71%	61.33%	59.23%	60.60%
AUCROC	0.6222	0.6314	0.6130	0.6056	0.6078
Sensitivity	58.23%	67.30%	59.22%	57.96%	84.62%
Specificity	52.20%	49.73%	64.02%	59.40%	32.54%

that the accuracy and AUCROC of the whole-brain approach are higher than those of the voxel-wise approach, and the voxel-wise approach is superior to the slice-wise approach. In light of the fact that the whole-brain and voxel-wise inputs are 3D volumes, the spatial relation between voxels could contain related information and potentially explain the superiority of 3D approaches over the slice-wise method. Considering that the whole-brain approach processes information simultaneously across the brain, it may explain why this approach has higher performance metrics.

Currently, the only way to obtain the MGMT promoter methylation status is to analyze the tumor tissue after a tumor biopsy or resection. Being able to obtain the same information using MRI non-invasively would fundamentally impact clinical practice. For this reason, predicting the MGMT promoter methylation status has been one of the

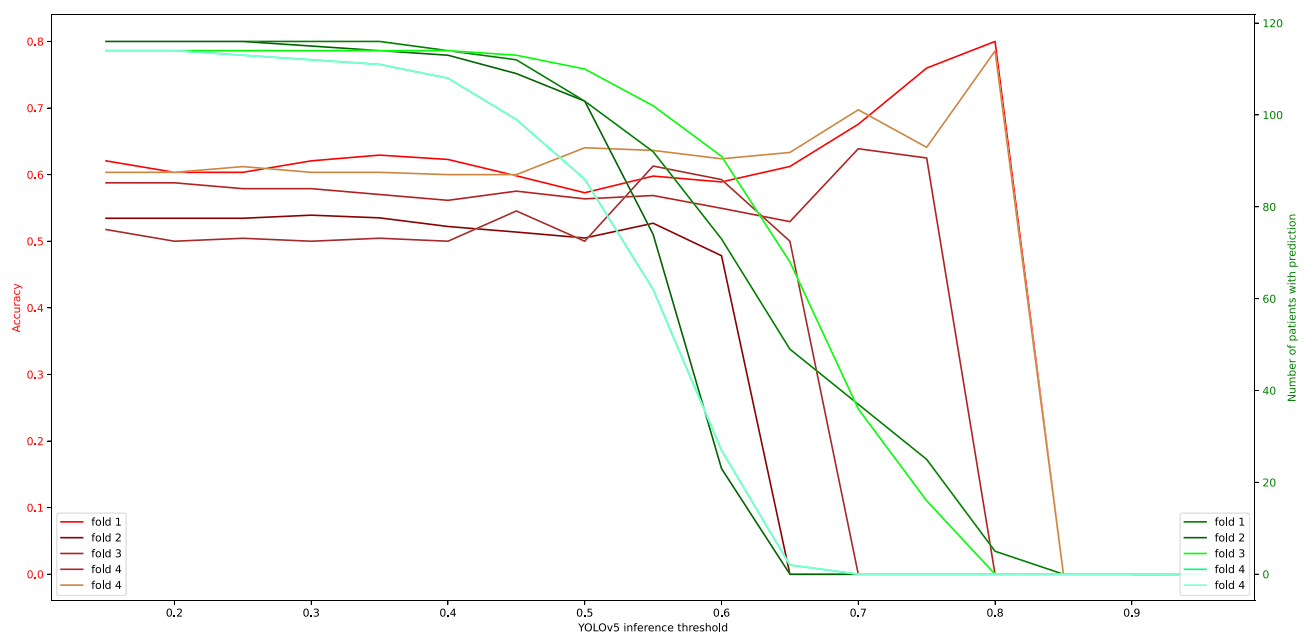


Fig. 3 Correlation between the YOLO inference threshold and the patient-level accuracy of the model prediction and the total number of patients with the assigned label for each fold. YOLO, You Only Look Once

most common tasks in the radiogenomics literature, using both conventional and advanced MRI sequences, with mixed results [15, 19–28, 45, 46].

There are published studies showing promising results in classifying MGMT promoter methylation status on publicly available datasets like the TCIA [20, 21, 24, 47, 48], as well as in private datasets [15, 19, 22, 24–27], and in a combination of public and private datasets [28]. Notably, one study did not find any significant relationship between the MGMT promoter methylation status and histological and radiological features [27]. Nevertheless, the authors limited the analysis of radiological features to tumoral volumes and growth rate as measured using MRI, without performing any radiomics analysis.

Radiomics feature analysis is one of the popular methods for predicting genomic and epigenomic characteristics of GBMs [48–53]. With the use of data characterization algorithms, the authors extracted a large number of features from medical images and performed different methods of feature analysis to predict MGMT methylation status. Jiang et al. reported an 89% accuracy and an AUC of 0.898 (0.786–1.000) on 35 low-grade gliomas from the TCIA validation dataset [50]. Lu et al. combined radiomics features with clinical information and achieved an accuracy of a maximum of 67% on 181 patients from their own center's private dataset [52]. Hajianfar et al. achieved an AUC of 0.71 on 82 patients from their own centers [51]. Le et al. developed a classifier using XGBoost and by the use of radiomics features of 53 GBM, isocitrate dehydrogenase-1 (IDH) wildtype patients from the TCIA dataset [48]. They achieved an AUC of 0.896. Finally, a study published by Calabrese et al. [53], on 199 GBM patients, found no correlation between MGMT promoter methylation status and any radiomics features. They made their code and radiomics feature data publicly available for further evaluation of other researchers. However, we decided to use deep learning-based models that need no feature engineering techniques.

In this work, besides whole-brain and slice-wise approaches, we implemented the voxel-wise approach with some modifications in architecture and activation functions. We tried to adopt the main backbone of the voxel-wise method and train, validate, and compare to other approaches on the BraTS dataset [21]. While Yogananda et al. used a pre-trained model on a task of IDH mutation status prediction, we did not use the pre-trained model since the IDH mutation status of the patients was not available for the BraTS dataset [21]. In comparison with the Yogananda et al. study done on TCIA T2 images, results on BraTS are not as strong. Also results on the leaderboard of the RSNA-MICCAI brain tumor radiogenomic classification competition in Kaggle, on the BraTS dataset, reveal 62% as the best model's accuracy. Other studies on TCIA or private datasets achieve higher performance, using T2 MRI [21, 22]. Using only T2

images is a limitation of our study; however, we decided to use T2 images to have a fair comparison to previous studies.

Our findings are in line with other radiogenomics studies performed on the BraTS 2021 datasets. In a recently released preprint article, the authors conducted a large number of experiments with different deep learning architectures and techniques, including 2D and 3D convolutional neural network models, vision transformers, and self-supervision using the BraTS 2021 dataset. They reported that all the experiments yielded an AUCROC that is not significantly better than a random guess for a binary classification problem. They concluded that with the current dataset achieving a medically applicable model is not feasible [45]. Another team proposed a method for MGMT methylation prediction on the BraTS 2021 dataset in a preprint article that combines the use of radiomics with high-level shape features learned by a variational autoencoder. They obtained tumor segmentation by training a segmentation model and then trained a variational autoencoder on masks to learn the tumor's high-level shape features. Using these features, they trained a random forest classifier. They obtained a validation score (AUCROC) of 0.598 [46].

One hypothesis for poor results on the BraTS dataset with all different models is that the provided MGMT promoter methylation status was determined based on varying methods across the multiple institutions that contributed data, and each institute follows its own methodology [31, 54]. As a result, the labels are noisy due to the heterogeneity of labeling methods. Another hypothesis for poor results on the BraTS dataset is that the outcomes on this multi-institutional data are closer to a generalizable model for MGMT promoter methylation status prediction. In other words, the performance on the BraTS dataset is more reflective of real-world performance than other datasets. While that may be true, it is important to recognize that the BraTS dataset MRIs have already been pre-processed, which limits our options when performing image processing. For example, resampling the images is suboptimal without the original data. This limitation can be solved by sharing the original images.

While the TCIA and BraTS datasets contain only conventional MRI sequences, some authors have explored the possibility to predict the MGMT promoter methylation status including features derived from advanced MRI techniques [15, 25, 26]. Kickingereder et al. [15] tested a series of machine learning models to predict the status of different molecular markers of GBMs, including MGMT, and found that none of the imaging features was associated with the MGMT promoter methylation status. Kihira et al. [25] assessed the advantage of adding diffusion MRI to conventional MRI to predict several molecular markers in gliomas. They reported the highest incremental value for the prediction of MGMT from an AUCROC of 0.64 when using only conventional MRI, to 0.79 when adding diffusion features.

Interestingly, the performance they obtained using only conventional MRI is similar to the one we report in our study.

Finally, some groups included only GBMs [15], while others included different tumor grades [21, 23, 25, 26]. While some of these studies reported the distribution of the methylation status across tumor grades [21, 25, 26], others did not [23], making it possible for the model to learn to discriminate grades rather than the MGMT methylation status if, for example, this is unevenly distributed between tumor grades. Given the variable description of the cohorts among different studies, at the moment it is unclear if including different tumor grades might have influenced the models' performance, and further investigation is needed.

A limitation of our study is that we developed our models using only T2 images. While it is possible that adding more MR sequences could improve the results [55], our main objective in this study was to compare our approaches to others that used only T2 sequences.

In conclusion, we found that the accuracy of MGMT methylation status prediction using the BraTS dataset is inferior to other datasets, and across the whole-brain, slice-wise, and voxel-wise deep learning approaches, the whole-brain approach is the most effective approach for MGMT methylation status prediction on the BraTS dataset.

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Code Availability A link to the code will be shared after peer review.

Data Availability The raw data required to reproduce the above findings are available to download from <http://braintumorsegmentation.org/>.

Declarations

Competing Interests The authors declare no competing interests.

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